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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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For: **N-(Substituted Arylmethyl)-4-(Disubstituted Methyl) Piperidines and  
Piperazines**  
Inventors: Ping Ding *et al.*  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated August 14, 2007, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.